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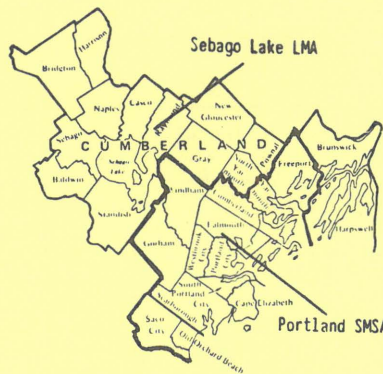
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AREA DEFINITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ECONOMY

- I. According to the preliminary population estimates released by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Cumberland County's population increased by 12.0 percent between 1970 and 1980, or from 192,528 to 215,566.
- II. The United States Department of Labor has deleted the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) from its list of eligible labor surplus areas. Under the new classification procedures, an area will be classified as a labor surplus area if the unemployment rate is at least 1.20 times the national rate during a reference period. The reference period used for the present list of labor surplus areas is January 1978 through December 1979. The present classification will continue in effect until May 31, 1981, at which time a new determination will be made.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Area 1/	Labor Force 2/			Resident Employed			Unemployment Number			Unemployment Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Maine (in 000's) ..	492.0	487.1	491.0	452.5	444.4	450.5	39.5	42.7	40.5	8.0	8.8	8.2
Portland SMSA	90,900	90,200	88,800	85,100	84,100	83,800	5,800	6,100	5,000	6.4	6.8	5.6
Sebago Lake LMA	10,470	10,310	10,300	9,580	9,310	9,490	890	1,000	810	8.5	9.7	7.9

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each sub-state area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from six-month moving averages of the Current Population Survey. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis.

2/ This month and last month figures are preliminary; year-ago figures are revised.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

PORTLAND SMSA

Item	Number of Workers 1/			Net Change to Current Month from		Percentage Change to Current Month from	
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	93.2	92.3	91.0	+0.9	+2.2	+1.0	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	18.3	18.5	18.6	-0.2	-0.3	-1.1	- 1.6
Food and Kindred Products	2.5	2.6	2.4	-0.1	+0.1	-3.8	+ 4.2
Apparel and Other Finished Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lumber and Wood Products, Furniture and Fixtures	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.0	+0.2	0.0	+20.0
Leather and Leather Products	3.5	3.4	3.3	+0.1	+0.2	+2.9	+ 6.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.6	0.0	-0.2	0.0	- 7.7
Machinery, except Electrical	2.1	2.1	2.5	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-16.0
Electrical Machinery	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-28.6
All Other Manufacturing	3.3	3.5	3.3	-0.2	0.0	-5.7	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	74.9	73.8	72.4	+1.1	+2.5	+1.5	+ 3.5
Contract Construction	3.6	3.4	3.6	+0.2	0.0	+5.9	0.0
Transportation, Communication, Electric, and Gas Services	5.3	5.3	5.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0	- 1.9
Wholesale and Retail Trade	25.3	24.7	24.1	+0.6	+1.2	+2.4	+ 5.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	7.6	7.6	7.1	0.0	+0.5	0.0	+ 7.0
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	19.9	19.5	18.9	+0.4	+1.0	+2.1	+ 5.3
Government	13.2	13.3	13.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	- 0.8
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Figures in thousands. This month and last month figures are preliminary; year-ago figures are revised.

2/ Refers to persons on establishment payrolls for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes persons involved in labor-management disputes, domestics in private households, nonfarm self-employed individuals, and unpaid family members.

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LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND DATA

ACTIVE APPLICANTS AND UNFILLED JOB OPENINGS IN SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS

Occupations	Job Applicants	Openings Received
Accounting Clerks.....	38	0
Administrative Clerks.....	64	0
Auto Mechanics.....	43	2
Cashiers.....	41	3
Carpenters (construction).....	44	2
Cleaners (housekeeping).....	32	2
Construction Workers.....	142	1
Cooks (restaurant).....	42	2
General Office Clerks.....	96	1
Kitchen Helpers.....	66	3
Machine Set-up Operators.....	2	8
Maintenance Repairers (building).....	30	0
Materials Handlers.....	210	2
Nurse Aides and/or Orderlies.....	45	10
Painters (construction).....	47	4
Plumbers (construction).....	1	5
Receptionists.....	31	0
Sales Agents (insurance).....	9	8
Sales Clerks (retail trade).....	50	2
Salespersons (general merchandise).....	32	2
Secretaries.....	24	7
Security Guards.....	14	7
Tractor-Trailer-Truck Drivers.....	43	4
Truck Drivers (heavy).....	49	2

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System, Table 96. (Current Month.)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED (CUMBERLAND COUNTY)

Sex	Insured Unemployed Percent Distribution
Male.....	64.0
Female.....	36.0
Industry of Separation	
Contract Construction.....	15.0
Manufacturing.....	40.0
Retail Trade.....	17.5
Services.....	12.0
All Other.....	15.5

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fewer Permanent Layoffs in the Local Area

Between April 1980 and a year later, unemployment rose in Cumberland County. The numbers of experienced unemployed and new entrants and reentrants to the labor force increased over the year. By contrast, however, the number of experienced workers who were on permanent layoff dropped by more than half.

Persons permanently separated from their previous jobs were estimated to be 38.9 percent of the experienced unemployed in April 1980. These were persons with a demonstrated attachment to the labor force who were not expected to return to the same occupation with the same employer. In April 1981, persons on permanent layoff represented only 16.4 percent of the experienced unemployed. Within selected job categories the change was even more striking. For example, in April 1980 persons on permanent layoff were 66.5 percent of those separated from professional, technical, and managerial occupations. Similarly persons with that status were 61.9 percent of those separated from service occupations. Also, persons permanently laid off were 53.4 percent of those separated from benchwork at that time. By April 1981, the proportions had dropped to 31.5 percent for professional, technical, and managerial occupations, to 16.9 percent for service occupations, and to a mere 4.0 percent for benchwork occupations.

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